

to take care of. - What are
the best of the newer annuals,
whose names I see on some
of the lists? - *Ceteris pari-
bus*, I had as lief break my
back in weeding and plant-
ing and gathering something
new, as Candytuft and Tin-
nia -

I meant to have written
four lines and here are four
pages. - May let me know
the details of the B. B. (botani-
cal birthday) if it is to exist
at all, - and believe me, dear
Sir, Sincerely Yours
Edward E. Hale -

E. E. Hale

Worcester, May 17. 1846.

My dear Dr. Gray,

I am trusting in your
proverbial energy and success
that the *Linnaean* apotheosis
shall not be permitted to fall
through, - and secondly that
it shall take place on Mon-
day rather than Saturday. Will
you drop me a line to know
whether it takes place at all
and when, - for I remember your
invitation to be present. I hope
I may be able to bring down
some laurel to grace the festi-
vities - ^(Linnaeus) if he will only wink at

our calling it laurel. It is
already in bloom - So much
earlier is the spring than
usual - So is the Azalea -
Thom, R. T. A.

I read your article on
the Sequel to the Vestiges
with great satisfaction; - to
tell you the truth with more
satisfaction than I had an-
ticipated: - because, in the
Sequel itself, the man kept
up his spirits so well, and so
kindly, that I did not want
to see him too coldly handled.
But you gave him full ac-

dit there. And the single
exposure of the fallacy, which
compares the law of gravitation
to the regulations of a life-
insurance office, will ease
more anxious minds than
you thought of perhaps -

I wish you would remem-
ber me as a Correspondent
in the heart of the heart of
Massachusetts, most glad to find
for you plants, seeds or what
not which may come within the
County and my power. My
Garden, is some twenty feet
by five - more than I have time